

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., May 1, 1878.—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States, northeast veering to southerly winds, stationary and higher temperatures and pressures, partly cloudy or clear weather.

CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE.—The Conservative Committee met again last night at the Sun engine house, a quorum being present. To the absence of the chairman Mr. J. T. Beckham, president, and read for the benefit of the candidates the plan agreed upon by the committee for the primary election, as published in yesterday's Gazette. Considerable discussion then took place upon the plan as adopted by the committee. Some of the candidates were anxious that all colored conservatives should be permitted to vote at the primary election, and some claimed that all who voted for Hunter and Muschbach were conservatives and had a right to take part with the conservative party in making its nominations; but the committee determined to adhere strictly to its former decision, that the president of the colored conservative club should be required to hand to the chairman of the conservative committee the names of the members of that club, which names would be carefully looked into and a list of such as the committee considered to be entitled to the confidence of the party would be handed to the judges of election in the several wards, and a duplicate to the president of the colored club. Those upon said list would be entitled to vote. The question was then raised as to whether colored persons not members of the club and who were known conservatives would be excluded. The committee in reply said that the names of all such could be handed in to the committee, and they would undergo the same test, and such as were passed would be put upon the list to be given the judges for their guidance.

The chairman then called for the names of such gentlemen as proposed to submit their claims for nomination under the ruling and regulations of the committee, and the following gentlemen gave their names for the several wards:

Mayor—George L. Simpson, E. E. Downham and K. Kemper.

Auditor—E. H. O'Brien and F. L. Brockett.

Superintendent of Police—James P. Coleman, James A. Jarvis, George W. Clifford, George E. Price and Daniel O'Sullivan.

Market Master—C. L. Neale, H. B. Whittington and James Fossett.

Superintendent Gas—J. E. Norris, Jacob Roxbury, O. Wood and H. H. Harper.

Clerk of the Gas—W. W. Harper and J. E. Hamner.

City Sergeant—J. M. House.

Collector of Taxes—Northern District, Geo. H. Markell and John F. Hill; Southern District, S. K. Field.

Measurer of Wood and Bark—George W. Dearborn.

Gauger of Liquors—J. B. Lovejoy.

Measurers of Lumber—J. L. Adams, S. A. Mankin, W. H. McKnight and T. E. Kemp.

Commonwealth's Attorney—S. G. Barr, John M. Johnson and C. F. Markell.

Corporation Attorney—C. E. Stuart.

The chairman then, upon the recommendation of the candidates, fixed the day of the primary for Monday, May 13th, and made the following appointments for judges and clerks:

First Ward—Judges, E. H. Stanton, Chas. Dearborn and John Markell. Clerks, A. M. Hall and J. D. Stanton.

Second Ward—Judges, George Bessart, J. H. Kell and R. Latham. Clerks, John P. Rice and S. T. Benson.

Third Ward—Judges, E. Brawner, E. L. Buckett and A. T. Haussay. Clerks, Edward Buckannon and French Sanoat.

Fourth Ward—Judges, J. T. Sweeney, C. T. Edwin and W. W. Nalls. Clerks, Julian Henderson and E. F. Price.

The committee then fixed upon Wednesday evening, May the 15th, for ward meetings to nominate candidates by Board of Aldermen and Common Council. These meetings will be held at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the usual places in the respective wards. The committee will call a meeting of the judges and clerks prior to May 13th and give them such instruction as may be deemed advisable.

PERSONAL.—Senator R. E. Withers has so far recovered the use of his eyes that he can now walk out.

Hon. D. C. DeJarnette, formerly member of the House of Representatives from the Richmond district, is in the city, the guest of John W. Burke, Esq.

Capt. W. J. Chiles, of Liverpool Point, has been appointed commander of the Maryland oyster police sloop, and will take charge at once. Capt. Chiles was one of those who were engaged in the "killers war" with this sloop a year or two ago. He is very popular on the river, and his appointment will prove a very acceptable one.

REVENUE LICENSES.—The Internal Revenue office in this city is now being besieged by applicants for liquor and tobacco licenses, which are required to be taken out during the month of May. A misapprehension seems to prevail as to the requirements of the law relative to malt liquors. There has been a decision made that parties holding a license to sell liquors by retail can sell all liquors, malt as well as alcoholic, and a separate license is required only when malt liquors alone are sold.

DEEDS AND LICENSES.—During the month of April there were six marriage licenses issued and twenty-two deeds recorded in the office of the clerk of the Corporation Court, and four licenses issued and fifteen deeds recorded in the office of the clerk of the County Court. The number of licenses issued here is very small, owing to the stringency of the laws on the subject. Most loving couples prefer going to Washington, where the impediments are not so numerous or insurmountable.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—This was the day fixed for a special meeting of the subscribers to the proposed Agricultural Fair, but no quorum of stockholders appearing at the time set, those present adjourned, subject to the call of President Smoot.

The prospects for holding the fair are very encouraging so far, and the citizens generally are very earnestly requested to come forward and subscribe for stock.

DECLARED A LUNATIC.—A commission "de l'incapacité requirido" was held at the jail last evening, by Justices Padgett, Thompson and Whittier, assisted by Drs. Gibson and E. A. Stabler, on Philip Parks, suspected of lunacy. After a medical examination, and hearing the evidence, the Justices declared Parks to be a lunatic and ordered him to be sent to an asylum.

FISH REPORT.—The receipt of fish since yesterday have been light, amounting only to about 2,500 shad, which brought from \$12 to \$15 per hundred, and 55,000 herrings, which sold at \$7.50 per hundred. The condition of the fish is much better than early in the season and hopes are yet entertained of a large run.

DEATH OF A FORMER ALEXANDRIAN.—Mrs. Farn, the wife of Dr. Charles Farn, U. S. A., formerly of this city, died in Omaha, a few days since, and her remains were brought there to-day for interment. The deceased was formerly a Miss Carmichael, of Fredericksburg.

U. S. COURT.—Judge R. W. Hughes, of the U. S. District Court, arrived here this evening and will hold a two days' session of his court, for the purpose of entering some orders, which do not require the presence of counsel and jurors.

Local Brevities.

The hail storm of Sunday last was quite destructive in Montgomery county, Maryland. Among the sufferers was Mr. Charles Stabler. Hail three or four inches deep was found lying in the hollows near morning, as it was in the Back Lick neighborhood near this city.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Messrs. John Y. Gibson & Co., druggists, in the Peabody School Building. These gentlemen are well instructed in their profession and persons patronizing them may rely on care and accuracy in filling orders.

Mr. George Steurnagle advertises in another column Rosi's Baltimore Book Beer, which is said to be the best ever sold in this city. A pitcherful sent to this office yesterday evening was cold and creamy, and was enjoyed by those who tried it.

Justice John H. Thompson has removed his office from the market alley to King street, between Lee and Fairfax.

The only case at police headquarters to-day was one of chronic drunkenness, which was dismissed.

My flies began to appear in large numbers last night, and were very plentiful to-day.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—Green & Wise, real estate agents, have sold the farm of Granville J. Kelley, near Rappahannock Station, containing 250 acres, to Mr. George Malcolm, of New York, for \$16 per acre.

THE SOUTHERN MAIL.—The early morning mail from Baltimore to the South, via the Virginia Midland Road, is to be continued until June 1st, when another schedule will probably be arranged.

The beauty of the ladies of Baltimore has become the standard of comparison the world over. They maintain that peculiar clearness and richness of complexion by the occasional use (as required) of Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

FALSE ECONOMY.—Is it true economy to use cheap, adulterated baking powder, which is highly injurious to health, merely because it is cheap? Common sense and experience say no! DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, which has been well known for twenty years as an absolutely pure, wholesome, and, in every respect, reliable article, is within the reach of all those who practise true economy in this respect.

Persuade your suffering friend to use Dr. Cass's Rheumatic Remedy for rheumatism and he will afterwards thank you. Don't forget that Ludlow's Headache Specific cures headache in 5 to 20 minutes. Sold by all druggists. mh 18-19

MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS!—Don't fail to procure Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for all diseases of teething children. It relieves the child from pain, cures wild colic, regulates the bowels, and, by giving relief and health to the child, gives rest to the mother. mh 1-19

REFRIGERATORS!—We have in store and are constantly receiving all the latest improved styles of Refrigerators, consisting of the Chest, Upright and Portable, which we are selling as cheap as they can be purchased anywhere.

McLEAN & UHLER, 107 King street.

JUST RECEIVED.—Another supply of Lewis' Pain Expeller and Pittsburg Lead, Turpentine, Raw and Refined Linseed Oil; also a large supply of fresh Colors, both dry and in oil, at

W. F. CREIGHTON'S, 55 King street.

WINDMILLS FOR HOTBED SASH, 10x8 and 10x10, in store in large stock, and for sale at lowest market rates.

JANNEY & CO., 79 & 115 King st.

DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS and all kinds of Building Materials. Prices reduced at

PEAKE & NALLS, cor. King and Columbus sts.

LIME, CEMENT, PLASTER, Sand, Felt and Pitch, for sale by

PEAKE & NALLS, cor. King and Columbus sts.

BEDFORD WATER.—1 bbl just received direct from the Springs, in Pennsylvania, and for sale by the gallon or single glass.

JANNEY & CO., 79 & 115 King st.

GLADIOLUS BULBS.—A limited assortment of Briggs' splendid mixed varieties just received and for sale by

JANNEY & CO., 79 & 115 King st.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF WORSTED PRIZES, in plain and mixed colors, just received at

FERGUSON & CO'S, 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

FLORIDA WATER, for the toilet and bath. Price 50c. Just received at

WARFIELD & HALL'S, 11 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

WATERS.—Buffalo Lithia, Bedford, Congress, Saratoga, Geyser, Capon, Hunsdri and Friedrichshall Bitter Waters, for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO., 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

SMALL SUGAR CURED HAMS, Shoulders and Breakfast Pieces just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

ANOTHER STOCK OF CHEAP COFFEES, just bought at

RAMSAY'S, 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

LAWN GRASS SEED, English mixed, just received

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO., 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

ANOTHER LOT OF 3 POUNDS CAN TOMATOES, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

PAINTS OF ALL COLORS, in oil and dry, for sale cheap.

PEAKE & NALLS, cor. King and Columbus sts.

25 BBL. NEW LARGE SPLIT HER RING in store and for sale low by

W. A. JOHNSON, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

BUTTER COLOR.—In bottles at 10, 25, and 50 cents, and \$1.00 each.

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO., 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

2 TIERORS VERY SMALL MARYLAND BRAND HAMS for sale at 12c per lb by

G. W. RAMSAY, 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

MARYLAND HAMS, small sizes, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

ITALIAN MACARONI and Vermicelli, also American do., very cheap.

GEO. McBURNAY & SON, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

SHEEP SHEARS.—White's Patent—a nice article for sale at a low price.

J. T. ORRINGTON & SON, 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

OLD JAVA COFFEE, very choice, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

CHOICE DRIED BEEF, for slicing and chipping, at

J. C. & E. MILBURN'S, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

2 TIERORS CASSARD'S BEST REFINED LARD just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

PRIME MESSINA LEMONS and VALERIANIA ORANGES just received.

GEO. McBURNAY & SON, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

75 BOXES OF ASSORTED SOAP in store and for sale at low prices by

H. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

A FULL LINE OF SUGARS received and for sale very cheap by

H. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

MIXED PAINTS, of all shades, for sale by the pound, gallon or barrel at lowest rates.

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO., 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

WHITE PEACH BLOW POTATOES, prime, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

10 BOXES N. Y. STATE OREAN OIL received and for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.—a choice article.

ALLEN C. HARMON, 15 Prince and Fairfax streets.

Miscellaneous Foreign News.

The masters at A-hlen under Lyon, England, will meet to-day to decide whether to give notice of a reduction of wages. It is thought probable 5 per cent. reduction will be proposed.

A similar reduction was suggested to November and the proposal which is now anticipated would therefore reduce wages in the A-hlen district to the same rate as demanded by the masters to north and northeast Lancashire. There is great distress in Blackburn, and a number of women and children are compelled to beg. Both sides are exhausted.

Hon. John Bright spoke at a large peace meeting in Manchester yesterday. He declared there could be no faith in a Cabinet which had no truth. Lord Beaconsfield was a great disturber of nations. He believed his policy was hateful in the sight of Heaven, and hostile to the highest interests of Great Britain.

The Cologne Gazette reports that several Prussian Bishops have memorialized the Pope that an understanding with Prussia is impossible.

The insurgent Chief Briosi, one of the followers of Maeco, has been arrested, with six others, in the neighborhood of Santiago de Cuba.

LONDON, May 1.—The race for the great Metropolitan steeple, handicaps, took place at the Epsom spring meeting to-day. The Duke of Westminster's brown filly maid was the winner.

OTRABA, ONT., May 1.—Second. Planning, chief engineer, has sent in his report of selection of a western terminus for the Pacific Railway, and pronounces in favor of Burrard Inlet.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 1.—There is no change for the worse in the condition of Prince Gortschakoff.

LONDON, May 1.—Political demonstrations for and against the Government are the order of the week. The popular meeting held at Bradford on Monday in support of the Government, at which Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, Indian Secretary, spoke, was followed yesterday by meetings at Manchester, at which John Bright spoke at Bradford in opposition to the Government, and another demonstration, hostile to the Government, will be held at Birmingham. The whole of the opponents of the Government in the north and centre of England will thus be heard in a combined protest against the policy of the Cabinet. At the Manchester meeting eighteen hundred delegates from the liberal organization in the north of England were present. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, radical member of Parliament for Birmingham, spoke at Briefly Hill. The speeches of Messrs. Bright and Chamberlain directly face the issue raised by the Government. They ask the country not to choose between the various courses for asserting British interests in the least, but to act on the principle that we have no interests there at all which are worth the cost of a war. They further asked it not to decide how far it is prepared to maintain existing treaties, or by what means existing engagements can best be reconciled with existing facts, but to pronounce that the existing treaties are no longer a mistake.

Rumors of a dissolution of Parliament are again rife. It is said that the Conservative association have received secret instructions to prepare for such contingency. The London correspondent of the Liverpool Post says that he is informed on trustworthy authority that Lord Beaconsfield has resolved on dissolution, and that it will occur about Whitechapel.

It is stated as the result of private inquiries made by the government at various points as to what steamer is available for cruises or for the transport of arms or troops, that about seventy steamers of the first class have been selected and will be commissioned when required. One company here owning forty steamers have offered to place their entire fleet at the service of the government.

MANCHESTER, May 1.—At a meeting of the committee of the Spinners and Manufacturers' Association, yesterday, a communication from the operatives was received offering to submit the subject of reduction of wages to arbitration, but the committee decided to refuse arbitration. It was expressed as certain that unless the strike terminates before next Wednesday the Preston employers will again place their mills.

Unit for Slender.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Louis Jennings, former editor of the New York Times, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against John Kelly, Erastus Brooks and Augustus Schell, for libel in the Evening Express, alleging him to be a cockney editor, that he beat his wife, used up her money, pawned her jewelry, drew checks on banks in which he had no money, and committed many other disreputable things.

THE SKELETON OF A MAN UNearthed.—We are informed that the skeleton of a man was unearthed a few days ago near the house of Terrell Turner, says the Franklin Gazette, which led to the arrest of said Turner. About the year of 1860, Mr. Turner had a difficulty with his wife, and during the quarrel one of the sons interfered in behalf of Mrs. Turner. The father was very much enraged at the conduct of his son, and was known to shoot at him afterwards. Not long afterwards the son disappeared, and has not been seen since; though Turner reported that he had heard from his son, and that he was cut in the West. It is said the remains were recognized by some of the neighbors as those of young Turner, (by what means we know not) which leads to the belief that Mr. Turner's wife had murdered his son. A coroner's jury was summoned to try the case, and it was adjourned last Monday. On Sunday night Mr. Turner fled the county and has not since been heard of.

Give your neighbor a helping hand by recommending him to keep Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup in his family for all the little babies are subject to.

MARRIED.

April 20th, 1878, by Rev. Wm. Dinwiddie, Mr. JOHN W. LEATHERLAND and Miss ANNIE E. CAMPBELL, all of this city.

BLACK SILKS.

COLORS SILKS.

AND

STRIPED SUMMER SILKS,

from the late large auction sales in New York, at prices lower than ever before.

ALL WOOL BUNTINGS, great variety of shades; also Bunting, in black, something new, and new designs French Lawns.

PURE LINEN LAWNS, plain colored Alpaca, in newest spring shades, at 12 1/2c.

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JNO. Y. GIBSON & CO., PEABODY SCHOOL BUILDING, 209 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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Toilet Soaps, Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Sponges, &c., Perfumery and Fancy Goods.

Physicians' prescriptions carefully compounded.

TROMMER'S EXTRACT MALT WITH COD LIVER OIL, Baskin's Cod Liver Oil, Saccharated Pepsin and Welch's Dialysed Iron just received and for sale by

JNO. Y. GIBSON & CO., 209 King street.

DRIED CHERRIES and PRUNES just received at

J. C. & E. MILBURN'S, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

ROAST BEEF, corned, in cans, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

PRIME CAROLINA RICE received to-day by

J. C. & E. MILBURN, 29 Geo. McBurney & Son.

From Washington.

[SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.

SENATE.

To the Senate, to-day, Mr. Blaine called up his resolution declaring any radical change in the tariff to be detrimental to the best interests of the country, when

Mr. Wallace offered a substitute that would upon the tariff at the present session is inopportune.

Mr. Blaine was opposed to any commission on the subject of the tariff, as proposed by Mr. Garland, and advocated by Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Eaton favored a commission.

Mr. Garland, of Ark., then presented a bill providing for a commission of three members of the Senate, three members of the House, and three others to revise and simplify the tariff and report to Congress the result of their investigation.

Mr. Beck attributed our present depressed commercial condition to the present tariff, and contended that the existing financial depression is also attributable to the tariff. The tariff should be modified and restrictions removed thereby from trade in order to give work to the laborer. The protection we have had so long has made so many tramps. The time, he said, was coming soon when those who favor such a "protective" tariff will be succeeded by men of more liberal views. The present tariff was for the benefit of the manufacturers alone and not for the operatives.

Mr. Blaine replied and wondered that the seat once dignified by Henry Clay should now be occupied by the advocate of free trade. He contended that free trade was the ruin of the South and protection to manufactures was the only salvation for the country.

Without any action the subject went over, and the House amendments to the Senate bill repealing the bankrupt act were taken up, the question being upon the amendment excluding from the repeal all rights of debtors and creditors, and suits by and against assignees.

Mr. Matthews moved to amend by postponing the taking effect of the repeal till January 1879.

Mr. McMillan moved to commit the bill to the Judiciary Committee, which was lost—yeas 22, nays 31.

The motion to postpone the repeal was then further argued and finally passed by a vote of 25 yeas to 21 nays, and then,

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Indiana, the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, by a vote of 27 to 16.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Chittenden introduced a bill to provide that holders of fractional silver coin in excess of \$100 or multiples thereof may have the same redeemed by legal tender notes at any sub-treasury in the United States.

A bill to provide for the foreclosure of mortgages under deeds of trust in the District of Columbia, was introduced and referred.

All the bills on the Speaker's table were taken therefrom and referred, after which

The House went into Committee of the Whole and took up and further considered the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill.

NOTES.

Postmaster General Key